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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed reference is included herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application and before receipt of the first Office Action and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The patent cited herein is discussed in the Background Section of the patent application on page 1 thereof and discloses a humidifier control system.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, the presentation of this information shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 exists, or as an admission that the information cited in this statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

Respectfully submitted,

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